MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I speak a few words on this matter? The purchase, the control and other things connected with food are not debatable in the House because it has been made a non-votable item in the budget. So a debate on the question of purchase, control, method of distribution and other things connected with food will certainly be advantageous. I brought that matter to the attention of Government by a specific letter and even then it has been made a non-votable item in the budget.

PRESIDENT: I have no objection to allow discussion on the food situation either in the course of "General Administration" or under any other proper heading.

The motion that the adjournment motions be discussed separately was put to vote and lost.

PRESIDENT: A list of those members who have sent up adjournment motions will be prepared and their names will be called in the course of the discussion of the demand relating to their motions.

PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under sub-rule (2) of Rule 3 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I nominate Messrs. C. S. Lakshmana Aiyar and M. R. Ramakrishna Pillai to form the Panel of Chairmen for this Session of the Assembly.

STATEMENT *re*: NOTICE OF CUT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: I wish to inform the House that though under Standing Order 59, two clear days' notice is necessary for motions to omit or reduce a grant, it may not be possible, in actual practice, for many of the members to comply with this requirement. Thus, for instance, when the voting of demands for certain grants is over before the time allotted for the discussion of the demand, there will be a general acceleration in the disposal of the several demands,—so much so that it may not be possible for the members to predict with any certainty the exact date on which a particular demand may come up for discussion. Two clear days' notice would not be practicable in such cases. At the same time, without this requisite notice, the Secretary may not be able to arrange and print in their appropriate form and order the various cut motions. This practical difficulty has arisen on more than one occasion, and has at times led to the adjournment of the business of the House due to non-receipt of the necessary cut motions in time. To facilitate smooth working, and also to enable all the members to send in their notices without taking the risk of the uncertainty as to the date of discussion of a particular demand, I would suggest that all the cut motions which the members wish to move may be sent to the Secretary so as to reach him before the 25th July 1946. Since copies of the preliminary edition of the Budget Estimates were made available to the members on 20th July 1946, there is enough time to make the

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necessary entries in the cut motions, by referring to the relevant heads in the Budget Estimates. I am sure the honourable members would not find any difficulty in doing this.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Sir, in this connection, I would like to point out that departmental reports are not available even now. The first demand that is to be discussed is Excise. The Administration Report of that department is not available. After I arrived here today I got some of the departmental Administration Reports. Among them I do not find the Administration Report of the Excise Department. I would also bring to the notice of the House that it should be better to arrange and advance some of the demands and give them priority.

PRESIDENT: If honourable members are generally in favour of some demands being taken up earlier they will have to make a motion to that effect and I will allow it.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Tomorrow I shall make a motion to that effect.

PRESIDENT: In the course of the remarks to be made by the honourable member he might suggest that such and such transpositions should be made. If that is the sense of the House, the Chair will accept that suggestion.

MESSAGE FROM THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

SECRETARY: Sir, I beg to report that the following message was received from the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council:—

Under Rule 42 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I am directed to inform you that the Sri Chitra State Council, at its meeting held on the 7th February 1946, agreed without any amendment to the following Bills which were passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly on the 4th February 1946.

(i) The Travancore Nurses, Midwives and Dhais Bill.
(ii) The Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.
(iii) The Travancore Limitation Act (Amendment) Bill.

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

SECRETARY: Sir, I beg to report that the following Bills have received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja.

1. The Travancore Nurses, Midwives and Dhais Bill.
2. The Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill.
3. The Travancore Limitation Act (Amendment) Bill.

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